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SUBJ: FABIAO COMMENTS ON VISIT TO NATO

REF: A. LISBON 2670 (NOTAL)

B. USNMR SHAPE 131915Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

1. GOP ARMY CHIEF-OF-STAFF AND REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBER  
GENERAL CARLOS FABIAO RETURNED TO LISBON MAY 19 FROM SHAPEX.  
FABIAO, ACCOMPANIED BY ADMIRAL PINHEIRO DE AZEVEDO, SAID UPON  
ARRIVAL THAT PORTUGAL NEVER HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SO MUCH  
ATTENTION BEFORE AND UNLIKE PAST, GOP NO LONGER STANDS  
"PROUDLY ALONE." FABIAO SAID THAT NOTHING OF EXCEPTIONAL  
INTEREST TOOK PLACE AT SHAPEX. FABIAO NOTED PORTUGAL IS A MEMBER  
OF AND IS INVOLVED WITH NATO AND THAT HE WAS NOT IN A  
POSITION TO COMMENT ON THE OVERALL IMPORTANCE OF THE  
ATLANTIC PACT. FABIAO ADDED THAT EVERYONE IN BRUSSELS  
MADE IT CLEAR TO HIM THAT PORTUGAL WASN'T AN UNDESIRABLE

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MEMBER OF NATO.

2. FABIAO SAID HIS GREATEST CONERN IS RESTRUCTURING THE ARMY. FABIAO SINGLED OUT REVISION OF THE BASIC MILITARY SERVICE LAW AS A PARTICULARLY COMPLEX AND IMPORTANT PROBLEM AND ADDED THIS IS ALSO THE CASE IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES. FABIAO ALSO POINTED OUT THE NEED TO MAKE PRODUCTIVE USE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHILE AT THE SAME TIME FULFILLING DECOLONIZATION OBLIGATIONS. FABIAO SAID ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT HAD ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES SINCE HIS VISIT TO ROMANIA, PLANS FOR RESTRUCTURING THE ARMY MAY DRAW UPON REPORTS HE HAS RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: FABIAO COMMENTS ON PORTUGAL AND NATO WERE, ON WHOLE POSITIVE BUT RESERVED. WHEREAS REVIEW OF SHAPEX STRESSED FAVORABLE RECEPTION ACCORDED PORTUGAL BY ATLANTIC ALLIES, FABIAO CAREFULLY AVOIDED FORECLOSING FUTURE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO GOP REGARDING NATO. FABIAO, IT SHOULD BE ADDED, IS UNDER ATTACK FROM THE LEFT, AND AN ATTEMPT MAY BE MADE TO REMOVE HIM FROM HIS POST AT THE AFM ASSEMBLY NOW IN SESSION. CARLUCCI

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